



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 82**

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House Bill No. 5252

*House of Representatives, March 22, 2012*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. MORIN of the 28th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN THE TOWN OF MERIDEN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-183a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The number of justices of the peace for each town shall be equal  
5 to one-third the number of jurors to which such town is by law  
6 entitled, except in the town of Waterbury the number shall be sixty-  
7 nine, in the town of Trumbull the number shall be thirty, in the town of  
8 Meriden the number shall be [thirty-six] sixty, and in the town of  
9 Litchfield the number shall be fifteen; provided any town, by  
10 ordinance, may provide for the selection of a lesser number of justices  
11 of the peace for such town as herein provided, which shall be not less  
12 than fifteen.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-183a(a)
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which increases the number of justices of the peace in the town of Meriden, has no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5252*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN THE TOWN OF MERIDEN.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases, from 36 to 60, the number of justices of the peace in the town of Meriden. By law, except as provided by a special act, charter, or ordinance, the number of justices of the peace in most towns equals one-third the number of jurors to which the town is entitled. Meriden is one of four towns (Waterbury, Trumbull, and Litchfield are the others) for which the law explicitly prescribes the number of justices of the peace.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15      Nay 0      (03/12/2012)